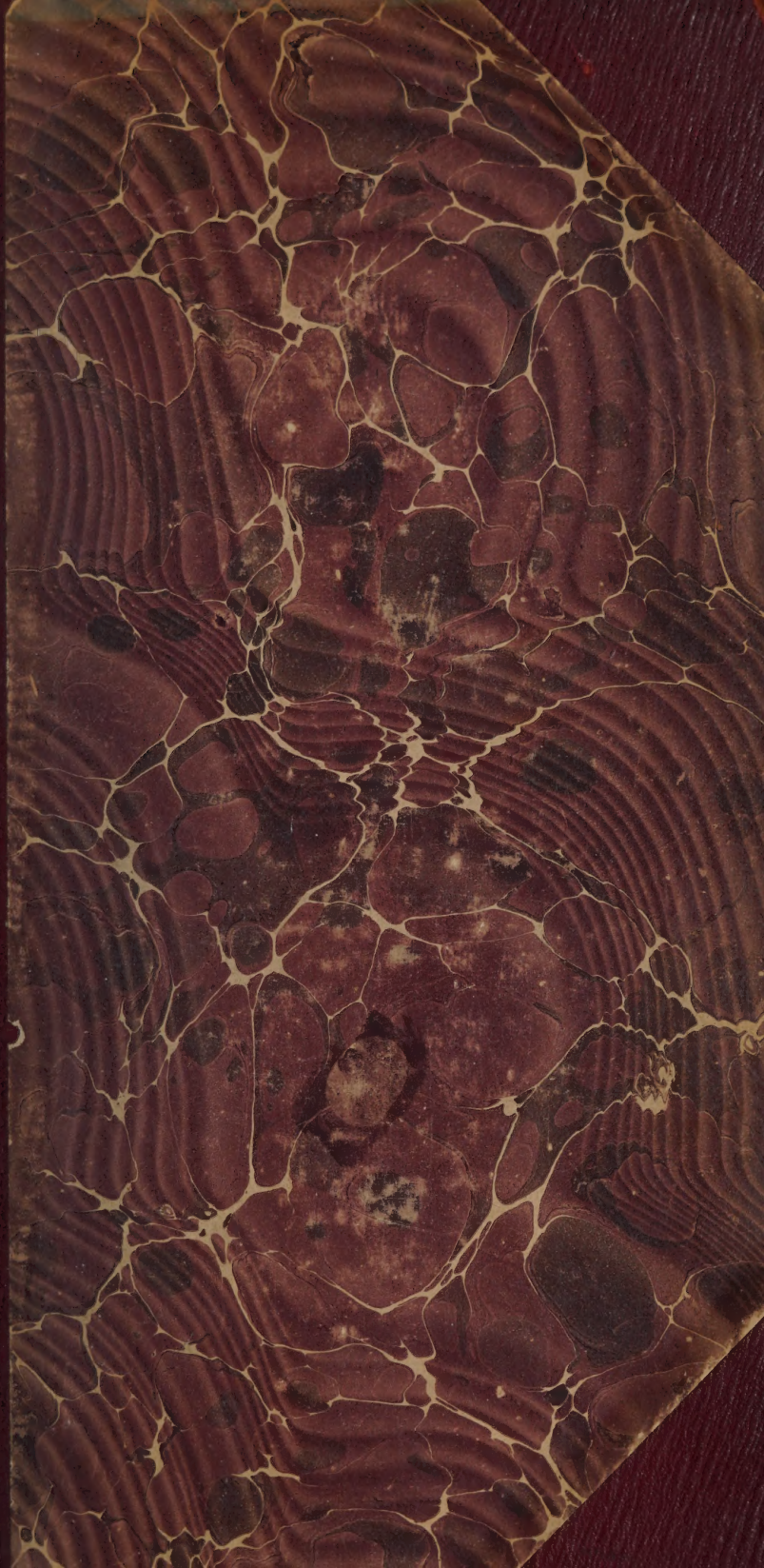

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

To balance in treasury, February 15, 1898,		$269.50
amount remaining on D. C. Ayer's list of 1895,		80.05
amount remaining on F. C. Fife's list of 1897,		535.99
amount committed to C. H. Osgood and J. H. Dolbeer, collectors for 1898:		
Resident tax,	$4,925.24	
Non-resident tax,	652.79	
		$5,578.03

RECEIVED OF STATE TREASURER.

Insurance tax,	$22.50	
Railroad tax,	252.32	
Savings-bank tax,	866.68	
Literary fund,	78.60	
		$1,220.10
Received for board of Susan Dutton,		$18.00

RECEIVED OF MERRIMACK COUNTY.

For support of Hiram Hartford,	$209.83	
Mrs. S. Batchelder,	68.50	
Osum Dowst,	106.05	
Melvin Witham,	56.00	
Peter Montminz,	74.50	
Adaline Adams,	53.75	
		$568.63

RECEIVED OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY.

For aid of John M. Hayes and family,	$182.30

RECEIVED OF TOWN CLERK.

License on dogs,	$111.59
For expense of George Smith,	32.80
Of D. C. Ayer, interest on taxes 1895,	6.64
F. C. Fife, interest on taxes 1897,	13.18
J. H. Dolbeer, interest on taxes 1898,	4.20
Joseph A. Clough, in trust for care of lot in cemetery,	50.00
S. M. Chesley fund,	50.00
	$8,721.01

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

Paid Ira C. Evans, printing town reports,	$38.65
Edson C. Eastman, for town supplies,	4.54
Silsby & Son, town supplies,	.78
Geo. H. Hoyt Post, No. 66, G. A. R., appropriation for Memorial Day,	50.00
C. H. Osgood, damage to mattress and bedding in the care of Geo. Smith,	5.00
Roscoe Hill, for medical attendance to George Smith,	5.00
B. M. Towle, express on coffin for George Smith,	.80
C. P. Morse, for coffin, box, and robe, for George Smith,	22.00
J. H. Dolbeer, insurance on town house,	12.50
J. H. Dolbeer, public library,	60.00
Luther Hall, for mowing Epsom cemetery,	3.00
A. S. Ladd, for public watering place,	3.00
C. H. Palmer, " " "	3.00

Paid	Albert L. Brown, for public watering place,	$3.00
	C. S. Hall, " " "	3.00
	Lucien Heath, " " "	3.00
	E. F. White, dinners for selectmen and horses,	6.50
	A. D. Sherburne, attendance with hearse at ten funerals,	25.00
	C. J. Brown, care of Chesley lot in town cemetery for the years 1895–'98	4.00
	Freeman Marden, for ballot-box,	1.00
	Albin, Martin & Howe, legal services,	24.00
	Horace Fowler, for sheep killed by dogs,	33.00
	Maurice C. Philbrick, stationery, postage, and dog license blanks,	2.39
	Maurice C. Philbrick, for recording marriages, births, and deaths,	5.85
	A. H. French, M. D., six certificates of births and deaths,	1.50
	Roscoe Hill, M. D., for twenty-four certificates of births and deaths,	6.00
	E. F. White, dinners for selectmen, auditors, and horses,	3.25
	Gore Cate, one half cord of wood for James Woods,	1.75
	Arthur Marston, care of James Woods,	3.00
	Mrs. Joseph Marston, one week's care of James Woods,	5.00
	E. E. Wells, car fare, stationery and express,	4.56
	James T. Bickford, note in full,	432.87
		$776.94

REPAIRING HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Charles R. Dutton, road agent for 1897,	$9.38
James H. Tripp, road agent for 1897,	31.05
Edwin R. Yeaton, road agent for 1897,	69.22
Daniel Yeaton, road agent for 1898,	1,470.56
	$1,580.21

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Paid S. A. Carter, state treasurer, state tax,	$845.75
Warren Abbott, county treasurer, county tax,	1,209.90
	$2,055.65

SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

Paid J. E. Philbrick, member of school board,	$15.00
J. H. Dolbeer, member of school board,	30.00
J. H. Dolbeer, treasurer of school district,	5.00
Emma F. Griffin, superintending school committee,	25.00
J. H. Dolbeer, treasurer, repair money,	100.00
" " school books,	117.99
" " literary fund,	78.60
" " balance of dog money,	125.89
" " town appropriation,	1,200.00
	$1,697.48

SUPPORT OF COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid J. B. Tennant:	
supplies for Hiram Hartford,	$175.13
" Peter Montminz,	70.00

Paid Roscoe Hill, M. D.:	
medical attendance on Mrs. Samuel Batchelder,	$7.00
medical attendance on Peter Montminz,	4.50
medical attendance on Osum Dowst,	10.00
medical attendance on Hiram Hartford,	23.75
medical attendance on Melvin Witham,	15.00
E. M. Carr, M. D., medical attendance on Melvin Witham,	5.00
Margaret Pillsbury Hospital, board of Melvin Witham,	36.00
Emma J. Chase, board of Adaline W. Adams,	53.75
A. B. Cass, milk furnished Hiram Hartford,	10.95
Silver & Hall, supplies for Mrs. Samuel Batchelder,	61.50
Silver & Hall, supplies for Osum Dowst,	76.05
Hollis Hall, wood for Osum Dowst,	11.00
D. G. Chesley, one cord wood for Osum Dowst,	4.00
A. L. Sanders, one cord stove wood for Osum Dowst,	5.00
	$568.63

PAUPERS CHARGEABLE TO HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY.

Paid Silver & Hall, supplies for John M. Hayes,	$161.25
Roscoe Hill, medical attendance on John M. Hayes,	9.75
S. W. Bickford, wood furnished John M. Hayes,	1.30
B. M. Towle, 1½ cords of wood, and moving goods for John M. Hayes,	10.00
	$182.30

PAUPERS CHARGEABLE TO THE TOWN.

Paid Merrimack county farm, board of Susie Dutton 52$\frac{1}{7}$ weeks,	$156.42
Merrimack county farm, board of Shuah Sanborn, 52$\frac{1}{7}$ weeks,	130.35
Charles W. Doe, keeping tramps,	2.00
E. F. White, " "	11.00
Chesley Brothers, " "	12.00
	$311.77

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid George E. Warren, treasurer,	$30.00
D. C. Ayer, constable,	8.00
D. G. Chesley, auditor for 1897,	1.50
J. H. Dolbeer, auditor for 1898,	1.50
Maurice C. Philbrick, town clerk,	25.00
A. P. Bickford, supervisor for 1897–98,	6.00
C. F. Haynes, " "	9.00
C. H. Osgood, tax collector,	27.50
F. C. Fife, collector in part for 1897,	10.00
J. H. Dolbeer, " " 1898,	25.00
B. M. Towle, services as selectman,	54.00
James L. Bickford, services as selectman,	50.00
E. E. Wells, services as selectman,	79.00
	$326.50

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid John H. Dolbeer, abatement on 1898 list,	$9.18
C. H. Osgood, abatement on 1898 list,	7.14
F. C. Fife, abatement on 1897 list,	17.43
D. C. Ayer, abatement on 1895 list,	6.18
Elvira A. Fowler, abatement on tax,	5.10

Paid A. L. Yeaton, abatement on dead sheep,	$0.44
F. A. Bickford, abatement on dead dog,	2.00
J. L. Bickford, abatement on dead dog,	1.50
Elmira A. Fowler, abatement on dead dog,	1.35
Chesley Bro's, abatement on dead dog,	1.50
C. S. Hall, abatement on dead dog,	1.35
A. D. Sherburne, abatement on dead dog,	1.35
Frank P. Ricker, abatement on dead dog,	2.00
George Mason, abatement on dead dog, female,	2.10
	$58.62

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES.

Miscellaneous expenses,	$776.94
Repairs of highways and bridges,	1,580.21
State and county tax,	2,055.65
School account,	1,697.48
Support of county paupers,	568.63
Support of Hillsborough county paupers,	182.30
Support of town paupers,	311.77
Town officers,	326.50
Abatement of taxes,	58.62
Trust funds,	100.00
Taxes uncollected,	359.99
Balance in treasury,	702.92
	$8,721.01

Respectfully submitted,

EDGAR E. WELLS,
JAMES L. BICKFORD,
BENJAMIN M. TOWLE,
Selectmen.

REPORT OF ROAD AGENTS.

Report of Road Agents, 1897.

Paid A. L. Healey,	for labor,	$1.95
Horace Fowler,	"	2.60
B. H. Fowler,	"	.50
Cyrus Marden,	"	1.95
J. E. Eastman,	"	.38
C. R. Dutton,	"	2.00
B. M. Towle,	"	1.00
E. E. Wells,	"	.75
A. L. Sanders,	"	6.85
Joseph Lawrence,	"	3.08
J. H. Tripp,	damage to plow,	2.75
H. D. Haynes,	for labor,	2.55
S. B. Cofran,	"	.75
J. M. Burnham,	"	1.00
W. H. Tripp,	"	6.00
N. H. Munroe,	"	.75
J. H. Tripp,	"	5.57
H. C. Ames,	"	3.60
M. C. Philbrick,	"	.30
S. R. Yeaton,	"	3.00
E. R. Yeaton,	"	7.35
J. P. Locke,	"	4.50
James Yeaton,	"	3.12
H. E. Dotey,	"	.60
S. B. Woodbury,	"	2.95
S. L. Clark,	"	.75
C. E. Morrill,	"	2.50

Paid S. B. Paige, for labor,		$3.00
David Barton	"	1.00
F. P. Wheeler,	"	4.35
W. H. Yeaton,	"	3.75
G. P. Rand,	"	9.65
A. L. Yeaton,	"	1.00
R. C. Brown,	"	2.50
W. P. Babb,	"	2.00
E. M. Kelley,	"	4.00
A. D. Sherburne,	"	1.00
Albion Locke,	"	4.70
P. C. Giles,	"	1.05
Henry Bickford,	"	.75
J. O. Fisk,	"	.30
D. J. Etheridge,	"	1.50
		$109.65

C. R. DUTTON,
J. H. TRIPP,
E. R. YEATON,
Road Agents.

Report of Road Agent for 1898.

Paid E. P. Winkley, for labor,			$12.15
J. M. Clark,	"		8.45
F. W. Yeaton,	"	and team,	24.66
B. A. Ordway,	"	"	55.48
A. D. Sherburne,	"	"	94.49
T. B. Langley,	"		43.35
Benj. Bickford,	"	and team,	8.99
J. E. Pierce,	"		37.95
B. M. Towle,	"	and team,	15.29
A. L. Healy,	"		25.50
J. A. Edmunds, bridge timber,			.60

Paid G. S. Bixby, for labor,		$31.50
Joseph Marden, "		30.45
J. T. Brown, "	and team,	11.50
E. K. Spurlin, "	"	15.05
G. W. Pierce, "		1.50
A. L. Sanders, "	and team,	27.00
W. L. Pickard, for labor and cash paid for labor,		69.15
Harrison Wentworth, for labor,		24.00
C. E. Cilley, for labor and team,		26.14
E. M. Kelley, "	"	21.90
J. P. Locke, "		8.00
M. R. Yeaton, "	and team,	113.23
Henry Bickford "		7.05
Sam Stanley, "		3.00
James Yeaton, "		6.17
John C. Yeaton, "		12.25
J. H. Dolbeer, "	and team,	6.12
F. C. Fife, "	"	8.52
J. C. Brown, "	"	11.30
A. L. Ricker, blacksmith's bill,		6.71
Joseph Lawrence, labor and team and cash paid for labor,		19.23
C. A. Yeaton, for labor,		.75
D. J. Etheridge, for labor and team,		14.60
Arthur Marston, "		5.30
S. F. Webster, "		.75
A. S. Ladd, "		1.50
Cyrus Marden, labor and team and cash paid for labor,		10.50
Alonzo Batchelder, for labor and team,		9.03
J. O. Fiske, "		10.50
G. S. Dutton, "		3.00
A. P. Bickford, "	and team,	19.67
Lucian Heath, "	"	4.62

Paid C. E. Kendall,	for labor,		$6.75
C. H. Palmer,	"		1.95
G. P. Cass,	"	and team,	6.87
C. C. Towle,	"		1.28
W. P. Babb,	"	and team,	7.00
E. R. Yeaton,	"	"	15.99
F. S. Weeks,	"		1.20
A. L. Brown,	"		1.50
William Brown,	"		2.48
C. W. Doe,	"		.75
W. C. Burnham,	"	and team,	10.92
Hollis Hall,	"	"	5.34
Lewis Spurlin,	"		6.00
S. R. Yeaton,	"	and team,	7.05
R. C. Brown,	"	"	41.12
C. O. Brown,	"	"	9.37
G. H. Philbrick,		"	12.70
F. A. Bickford,	"		4.50
D. G. Chesley,	"	and team,	44.61
D. G. Chesley, bridge plank,			30.82
D. C. Ayer,	for labor,		4.80
J. K. Tarleton,	"		1.50
S. W. Bickford,	"	and team,	9.00
A. L. Yeaton,	"	"	1.00
William Lent, blacksmith's bill,			2.40
Charles F. Haynes, for labor,			1.65
J. S. Greene,	"		1.35
N. H. Munroe,	"	and team,	1.65
Philip Fowler,	"	"	4.75
J. C. Philbrick,	"	"	1.87
Jacob Griffin,	"	"	2.00
Jacob Griffin, bridge timber,			6.26
E. E. Wells, labor and team, and cash paid for labor,			13.15
M. L. Burnham, blacksmith's bill,			2.60

Paid H. O. Cass,	for labor,		$1.00
E. M. Hall,	"		3.00
J. L. Bickford,	"	and team,	7.75
Calvin Dowst,	"		1.75
A. B. Cass,	"	and team,	6.90
G. T. Tripp,	"	"	1.75
H. C. Lovejoy,	"	"	1.00
Benj. Fowler,	"		1.00
Samuel Martin,	"		1.00
B. H. Fowler,	"	and team,	3.95
J. E. Eastman,	"	"	1.20
W. G. Weeks,	"		1.12
C. W. Leighton,	"		1.95
Fellows & Son, for lumber,			1.95
W. P. Ford & Co., for plow and points,			19.65
Thompson & Hoague, for sewer pipe,			5.13
J. B. Tennant, for freight,			.75
H. D. Haynes,	for labor,		.60
C. A. Brown,	"	and team,	.90
W. H. Yeaton,	"	"	2.50
F. P. Wheeler,	"		2.10
David Barton,	"	and team,	7.77
Daniel Yeaton,	"	"	256.76
Total,			$1,470.56

Summer work,	$1,269.22	
Winter work,	201.34	
		$1,470.56

DANIEL YEATON,
Road Agent.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following is the report of the receipts and disbursements for the year ending February 15, 1899:

RECEIPTS.

Received of	former treasurer, town's money,	$269.50
	former treasurer, Chesley trust fund,	50.00
	selectmen, A. J. Clough trust fund,	50.00
	selectmen, on account of George Smith,	32.80
	selectmen, board of Susan Dutton,	18.00
	town clerk, money on dog license,	111.59
	state treasurer, insurance tax,	22.50
	" railroad tax,	252.32
	" savings bank tax,	866.68
	" literary fund,	78.60
	C. H. Osgood, collector for 1898,	2,522.31
	J. H. Dolbeer, collector for 1898,	2,805.72
	J. H. Dolbeer, collector for 1898, interest on tax,	4.20
	F. C. Fife, collector for 1897,	476.00
	F. C. Fife, collector for 1897, interest on tax,	13.18
	D. C. Ayer, collector for 1895,	30.05
	D. C. Ayer, collector for 1895, interest on tax,	6.64

Received of Merrimack county, for support of paupers,	$568.63
Hillsborough county, for support of paupers,	182.30
Total,	$8,361.02

DISBURSEMENTS.

By amount of paid orders, Nos. 1 to 111, inclusive,	$7,558.10
cash remaining in treasury, town's money,	702.92
cash remaining in treasury, Chesley trust fund,	50,00
cash remaining in treasury, Clough trust fund,	50.00
Total,	$8,361.02

GEORGE E. WARREN,
Treasurer.

Financial Condition of Town, February 15, 1899.

LIABILITIES.

Indebtedness by note and interest,	$4,544.03
Trust fund (care of Chesley lot in cemetery),	50.00
Trust fund (care of Clough lot in cemetery),	50.00
Due school district, dog license,	78.59
D. C. Ayers, collecting taxes, 1895,	50.00
F. C. Fife, " " 1897,	5.00
J. H. Dolbeer, " " 1898,	22.50
	$4,800.12

ASSETS.

Remaining on D. C. Ayer's list, collector for 1895,	$50.00	
Remaining on F. C. Fife's list, collector for 1897,	59.99	
Remaining on J. H. Dolbeer's list, collector for 1898,	250.00	
S. M. Chesley fund,	50.00	
J. A. Clough fund,	50.00	
Remaining in the treasury,	702.92	
		$1,162.91
Actual indebtedness,		$3,637.21

The town also holds 177 shares of stock in the Suncook Valley Railroad.

Having examined the foregoing accounts of the selectmen and treasurer, we do hereby certify that we find them correct and supported by proper vouchers.

SAMUEL R. YEATON,
CHARLES W. LEIGHTON,
Auditors.

EPSOM, N. H., February 15, 1899.

Report of Trustees of Public Library.

The following list of books have been added to the library the past year, some by purchase and others by gift. The late Mrs. Susan Perkins very generously donated Shakespeare's complete works and the history of Nottingham, Deerfield, and Northwood. Mr. F. M. Ambrose, of New York, whose mother is a native of Epsom, presented several valuable books, and different residents have given interesting volumes.

We are extremely grateful to all who have so kindly remembered us, and hope their example may be followed by others.

Class D.

No.		
15–22	Shakespeare's works in 8 volumes.	
23	Poems by Mrs. V. G. Ramsey.	
24	Vergil.	

Class F.

		Author.
427	Hugh Wynne — vol. 1.	S. W. Mitchell.
428	" " vol. 2.	" "
429	The House of Hidden Treasure.	Maxwell Gray.
430	The Blind Man's World.	Bellamy.
431	Afterwards.	Ian McLaren.
432	The Associate Hermits.	F. R. Stockton.
433	A Puritan Wooing.	F. S. Child.
434	Prisoners of Hope.	Mary Johnston.
435	A Lover of Truth.	Eliza O. White.

Class B.

No.		Author.
15	Gladstone.	Gunsaulus.
16	Frances E. Willard.	Ann R. Gordon.
17	The Story of my Life.	Mary A. Livermore.
18	Glimpses of Fifty Years.	Frances E. Willard.

Class H.

72	History of the Twelfth Regiment, N. H. Vols.	Capt. A. W. Bartlett.
77	War with Spain.	Trumbull White.
111	History of Nottingham, Deerfield, and Northwood.	Rev. E. C. Cogswell.

Class J.

81	Profiles.	Mrs. Alden (Pansy).
82	John Remington, Martyr.	" "
83	Divers Women.	" "
84	Tip Lewis.	" "
85	A Modern Exodus.	" "
86	Christie's Christmas.	" "
87	One Commonplace Day.	" "
88	Miss Dee Dunmore Bryant.	" "
89	The Pocket Measure.	" "
90	A New Graft.	" "
91	Links in Rebecca's Life.	" "
92	Eighty-seven.	" "
93	The Man of the House.	" "
94	Mrs. Solomon Smith Looking On.	" "
95	Spun from Fact.	" "
96	The Hall in the Grove.	" "
97	As in a Mirror.	" "
98	A Seven-fold Trouble.	" "
99	Interrupter.	" "
100	Echoing and Re-echoing.	" "

No.		Author.
101	An Endless Chain.	Mrs. Alden (Pansy).
102	The Prince of Peace.	" "
103	Chrissy's Endeavor.	" "
104	Her Associate Members.	" "
105	Household Puzzles.	" "
106	The Randolphs.	" "

CLASS M.

23	Classic Myths in English Literature.	C. M. Gayley.
24	Thomas Gray.	W. L. Phelps.
25	Speech of Edmund Burke.	H. Lamont.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF LIBRARY.

By balance from last year,		$66.25
Received from town,		60.00
librarian (fines),		4.24
		$130.49
Paid Mrs. Ida Goss, librarian,	$25.00	
for new books, as per bill,	43.92	
for rebinding books,	.75	
for insurance on books,	4.50	
for express and postage,	.57	
		74.74
Balance, —		$55.75

Respectfully submitted,

ROSCOE HILL,
JOHN H. DOLBEER,
WARREN TRIPP,
Trustees of Public Library.

Report of Treasurer of School District.

March 3, 1898.

By balance of school money in the treasury,		$62.92
Received of town treasurer, town appropriation,		1,200.00
Received of town treasurer, balance of dog license,		125.89
Received of town treasurer, literary fund,		78.60
town of Deerfield, tuition,		12.00
sundry persons, tuition,		3.75
town treasurer, for books,		108.89
town for other supplies and express on books,		9.10
town for repairs,		100.00
By balance of last year for repairs,		12.06
received for books and old windows sold,		1.92
		$1,715.13
Paid teachers' salaries,	$1,352.00	
for books and other supplies,	117.99	
for wood, and fitting same,	51.50	
for cleaning school-houses,	16.00	
J. C. Brown, for shingling Mountain school-house,	14.32	
Freeman Marden, four windows,	4.40	
for repairs on school-houses,	10.00	
D. J. Etheredge, conveying pupils,	5.00	

Paid J. E. Philbrick, incidental expenses,	$10.50	
J. H. Dolbeer, incidental expenses,	3.95	
		$1,585.66
Balance in the treasury,		$129.47
School money,	$46.13	
Repair money,	83.34	
	$129.47	

JOHN H. DOLBEER,
Treasurer.

EPSOM, February 15, 1899.

Having examined the foregoing account of the treasurer, I hereby certify the same to be correct and supported by proper vouchers.

BENJAMIN M. TOWLE,
Auditor.

EPSOM, February 17, 1899.

SCHOOL REPORT.

We respectfully submit the following School Report for your perusal and examination, trusting it may meet your expectation and prove satisfactory. Doubtless there are some errors, but perfection is never reached in this life by the best of men.

The usual number of seven schools have been maintained the past year, each having three terms of nine, ten, and eight and a half weeks respectively. There being sufficient funds, it was considered best to prolong the term one half week beyond the usual time.

We have aimed to secure the very best teachers to be had for the amount of money raised, and it is hardly necessary for information to say that our efforts have been rewarded by seeing the combined efforts of parents, scholars, and teachers.

It is a pretty sure indication of success when parents and pupils wish for the same teacher back again.

Schools have all been supplied with experienced teachers well qualified for the positions, and we believe good progress has been made every term.

In order to keep pace with the ever changing times and methods of instruction, we have purchased a new series of grammars, with which each school has been supplied. Have also added some new readers, and would recommend that more copies be supplied soon. They are continually wearing out, and by using the same series the reading becomes familiar, and it is not so interesting or instructive.

We also think it would be a very acceptable and beneficial addition to the supplies if several copies of a small dictionary could be furnished each school. It would be far easier to find simple words usually needed by the average scholar, than to look for them in a large unabridged dictionary, or else let them pass unnoticed without finding meanings or pronunciations, which is more often the case.

In the way of repairs we wish to say the school-houses are all in fair condition. The Mountain school-house has been shingled the past year and some new windows put in. Very few other repairs have been made. There has been no painting done, but a good coat of paint would improve the inside of some of the schoolrooms very much, especially the North Road and Centre.

The blackboards all need painting, or what would be much better, replaced by slate, then they would never need paint. Repairs are continually needed, in fact waste and repair is the life of our bodies. Is it not so with other things? If there was no waste we would have nothing to do for exercise to keep our bodies in a healthy condition.

To mention what is needed most, we will say the North Road school-house and shed. The foundation is out of tune. The plastering is in poor condition, which needs to be all taken off and replastered. The paint inside is not very ornamental. The shingles have seen their best days. Something will need to be done there in the near future.

The Centre needs new steps, and one side will soon need new shingles. The New Orchard shed needs repairing. A coat of whitewash on the ceiling would improve some of the school-rooms.

Another subject in the way of improvement, we think, would be a pleasing addition to six of the school-rooms; that is, some place to keep the supply of books besides thrown about on side seats, piled up on tables in the way, to get full of dust. With but one exception there is room for a cupboard in the entry for books not used, and the sooner it is made the better.

We believe all interested in education and school matters wish to know what has been done, and what needs to be done to make childhood days at school what they should be, and usually are, the most instructive and happiest days of our life.

For names and wages of teachers, number of scholars, studies pursued in each school, roll of perfect attendance, treasurer's report, etc., you are referred to other pages in this report.

ROLL OF HONOR.

The numbers 2 and 3 signify perfect attendance more than one term.

CENTRE.

Elnora Chesley,
Charlie Rodgers.

GOSSVILLE.

Ethel Goss, 2
Eva D. Stokes, 2
Grace F. Leighton, 2
Ethel A. Marden, 2
Alice Yeaton,
Ada M. Marden,
Florence Dow,
Lena A. Marden,
Nellie Sherburne,
Elsie White,
Ethel Marston,
Eva Davis,
Alfred Eastman, 3
Walter Marden, 2
Harry Silver, 2
Gussie Palmer, 2
William Davis,
Elmer Palmer,
Rodney Leighton,
Fred Davis,
Arthur Etheridge.

SHORT FALLS.

Florence E. Yeaton, 3
Fronie M. Yeaton, 3
Russel S. Yeaton, 3
Leonard S. Batchelder, 2
John G. Bickford,
Ralph L. Bickford,
Clarence Pierce,
Roy A. Healey,
Grover H. Stevens.

NEW RYE.

Tillie R. Doe, 2
Jennie Cass, 2
Hazel B. Wells,
Verna O. Wells,
Walter B. Wells,
Guy A. Murby.

NORTH ROAD.

Olive Sullivan,
Robert A. Yeaton, 3
Arthur Sullivan, 2
Willie Sullivan,
Arthur J. Demers.

NEW ORCHARD.

Lizzie E. Clarke,
Sadie O. Clarke.
John S. Clarke.

MOUNTAIN.

Alida J. Cass.

JAMES E. PHILBRICK,
EMMA F. GRIFFIN,
JOHN H. DOLBEER.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Name of school.	Teachers.	Wages per month.	No. of weeks.	Scholars.	Average attendance.	Reading.	Spelling.	Penmanship.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	History.	Composition.	Drawing.	Physiology.	Book-keeping.	Algebra.	Visits by parents and others.	No. of different pupils registered.
Centre	Carrie W. Carpenter	$28 00	9	11	9	11	11	9	11	11	9	1	....	....	1	2	2	29	16
	Maggie D. Waterhouse	28 00	10	15	13	15	15	15	14	9	5	1	3	....	2	1	2	38	
	G. Llewellyn Griffin	28 00	8½	9	8	9	9	9	9	5	6	....	1	....	2	....	3	31	
Gossville	Grace E. Rollins	32 00	9	35	34	35	31	35	32	22	15	2	35	....	....	....	2	50	33
	Grace E. Rollins	32 00	10	32	30	32	32	32	28	20	15	1	....	....	....	....	4	21	
	Grace E. Rollins	32 00	8½	24	23	24	23	24	23	16	15	1	....	....	....	....	4	16	
Short Falls	Grace E. Marden	28 00	9	20	18	20	20	20	16	9	5	3	....	....	....	....	1	49	25
	Sarah E. Clarke	28 00	10	23	21	23	23	23	17	8	5	2	....	23	1	1	1	12	
	Sarah E. Clarke	28 00	8½	19	15	19	19	19	15	8	4	....	....	19	2	1	1	9	
New Rye	Lillian B. Kittredge	28 00	9	12	11	12	12	12	9	4	4	2	....	....	....	....	2	25	14
	Mabel L. Wheeler	28 00	10	13	12	13	13	13	13	9	9	....	....	....	1	2	2	15	
	Hattie E. Merrill	28 00	8½	13	10	13	13	11	12	6	4	....	....	....	1	2	2	15	
Mountain	Hattie E. Merrill	28 00	9	15	13	15	15	13	11	10	6	....	....	....	6	1	....	21	15
	Hattie E. Merrill	28 00	10	14	10	14	14	11	11	6	6	....	3	....	....	3	....	11	
	Irvin C. Foss	28 00	8½	13	10	13	13	10	10	6	6	4	6	....	....	....	....	6	
North Road	Ida M. Fowler	28 00	9	13	11	13	13	13	13	9	5	1	....	7	2	....	....	26	13
	Martha A. Staniels	26 00	10	12	10	12	12	12	11	11	4	2	4	11	2	....	....	22	
	Martha A. Staniels	26 00	8½	9	8	9	9	9	8	6	3	1	2	....	2	1	....	19	
New Orchard	Delia F. Demers	26 00	9	9	7	9	8	8	8	6	6	....	1	6	....	1	1	18	10
	Delia F. Demers	26 00	10	8	7	8	8	8	8	7	5	1	....	....	....	1	....	19	
	Delia F. Demers	26 00	8½	10	7	10	10	10	9	9	8	1	....	....	....	1	....	12	

Births Registered in the Town of Epsom, for the Year ending December 31, 1898.

Date of birth.	Place of birth.	Name of the child (if any).	Sex.	Living or still-born.	No. of child, 1st, 2d, etc.	Color.	Name of father.	Maiden name of mother.	Color of parents.	Residence of parents.	Occupation of father.	Birthplace of father.	Birthplace of mother.	Age of father.	Age of mother.
Feb. 8	All in Epsom.	Leon Marden.....	M.	L.	2	W.	Dan'l C. Waterhouse.	Mertie L. Marden...	W.	Epsom	Farmer	Barrington	Epsom	34	30
April 7		Nathan Jonathan..	"	"	3	"	Nathan J. Goss.	Ida M. Leighton....	"	"	Grocery clerk...	Epsom.....	"	34	33
May 13		Ralph Theodore....	"	"	8	"	John M. Hayes.....	Lenora P. Evans....	"	"	Shoemaker.....	Plasky, N. Y...	Strafford.....	38	34
" 17		Gladys May...	F.	"	4	C.	Harrison Wentworth	Margaret Mills.....	C.	"	Laborer.....	Boscawen.....	New York, N.Y.	40	21
June 27		Gertrude May.....	"	"	3	W.	George W. Mason....	Minnie R. Bickford	W.	"	Section hand....	Suncook.	Epsom	29	23
Sept. 28		Doris.....	"	"	1	"	Gerry S. Driver.....	Josephine V. Ginesi	"	Washt'n, D.C.	Physician	Washt'n, D. C.	Brooklyn, N. Y.	28	22
Oct. 4		Francis Steele.....	M.	"	1	"	Charles M. Steele....	Helen E. P. Yeaton..	"	Epsom	Shoemaker.....	Epsom	Epsom.....	26	20
" 1		Stanley Lawrence .	"	"	1	"	Herbert Etheridge...	Katie Grant.....	"	"	Carpenter	Nova Scotia ...	Nova Scotia	25	26
Dec. 14		.....	F.	"	2	"	Jim. O. Bickford.....	Augusta M. Blake..	"	"	Farmer	Epsom	Epsom	30	28
" 25		Catherine Annie...	"	"	3	"	John F. Etheridge...	Anna McDonald....	"	"	"	Nova Scotia ...	Nova Scotia....	32	31

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M. C. PHILBRICK, *Town Clerk.*

Marriages Registered in the Town of Epsom, for the Year ending December 31, 1898.

Date of Marriage.	Place of marriage.	Name and surname of groom and bride.	Residence of each at time of marriage.	Age, yrs.	Color of each.	Occupation of groom and bride.	Place of birth of each.	Names of parents.	Birthplace of parents.	Occupation.	What marriage.	Name, residence, and official station of person by whom married.
Feb. 2	Epsom	George A. Stokoe	Epsom	23	W.	Laborer	N. Brunswick	Edward C. Stokoe	New Brunswick	Farmer	1	J. W. Scribner, clergyman, Epsom.
								Euphemia A. Chase	" "	Housewife		
		Sybel B. Briggs	"	22	"	Shop girl	Littleton, Me.	George W. Briggs		Carpenter	1	
								Asenath E. Hardy	Lincolnville, Me	Housewife		
Apr. 28	"	Elbridge K. Spurlin	"	32	"	Farmer	Epsom	John Spurlin	Pittsfield	Farmer	1	J. O. Tasker, clergyman, Epsom.
								Elcy Fife	Pembroke	Housewife		
		Nellie Bickford	"	36	"	Domestic	"	Samuel T. Bickford	Allenstown	Section hand	1	
								Sarah M. Foss	Strafford	Housewife		
June 28	"	Joseph K. Tarleton	"	38	"	Farmer	Kent's Hill, Me.	Joseph W. Tarleton	Epsom	Clergyman	1	J. O. Tasker, clergyman, Epsom.
								Betsey S. Dutton	Hooksett	Housewife		
		Evelyn M. Butler	"	28	"	Domestic	N. Brunswick	Charles T. Butler		Fisherman	1	
								Betsey Cameron		Housewife		
Oct. 11	"	Fred William Yeaton	"	33	"	Farmer	Epsom	John Yeaton	Epsom	Farmer	1	J. W. Scribner, clergyman, Epsom.
								Caroline B. Bickford	"	Housewife		
		Florence Lue Fowler	"	19	"	Teacher	"	William Fowler	"	Farmer	1	
								Sarah E. Kelley	Pembroke	Housewife		
" 12	"	Walter H. Tripp	"	23	"	Farmer	"	James H. Tripp	Epsom	Farmer	1	J. W. Scribner, clergyman, Epsom.
								Sarah L. Moses	"	Housewife		
		Alice M. Fowler	"	21	"	Domestic	"	Benjamin Fowler	"	Farmer	1	
								Sarah M. Brown	"	Housewife		
" 17	Chichester.	Herbert P. Giles	"	30	"	Shoe cutter	"	Perley C. Giles	Deerfield	Shoemaker	1	F. D. Chandler, clergyman, Chichester.
								Clarissa S. Grant	Epsom [Vt.	Housewife		
		Lyla Belville	Pittsfield	27	"	Shop girl	Franklin	Ira Belville	Brownington,	Carpenter	1	
								Sarah J. Bartlett	Newport, Vt.	Housewife		
Nov. 9	Epsom	William Brown	Epsom	44	"	Farmer	Orange	Nathan Briggs		Laborer	2	J. W. Scribner, clergyman, Epsom.
								Nancy Ewer		Housewife		
		Josie M. Nickerson	"	33	"	Domestic	Pembroke	Joseph Nickerson	Pembroke	Farmer	1	
								Sarah E. Burnham	Epsom	Housewife		
" 23	"	Charles B. Gerrish	"	54	"	Shoemaker	Deerfield	Samuel Gerrish		Millman	2	J. W. Scribner, clergyman, Epsom.
								Martha Allard		Housewife		
		M. Nettie Tripp	"	30	"	Domestic	Epsom	James L. Bartlett	Epsom	Farmer	2	
								Sarah E. Yeaton	"	Housewife		

MARRIAGES — *Continued.*

Date of marriage.	Place of marriage.	Name and surname of groom and bride.	Residence of each at time of marriage.	Age, yrs.	Color of each.	Occupation of groom and bride.	Place of birth of each.	Name of parents.	Birthplace of parents.	Occupation.	What marriage.	Name, residence, and official station of person by whom married.
Dec. 17	Epsom	Geo. E. Warren, Jr.	Epsom	20	W.	Millwright	Epsom	George E. Warren	Chichester	Mechanic	1	J. W. Scribner, clergyman, Epsom.
								Lizzie M. Holmes	Randolph	Housewife		
		Clara E. Brown	"	16	"	Domestic	Gilmanton	Charles J. Brown	Concord	Hotel prop'tor	1	
								Lenora Jones	Pittsfield	Housewife		
" 25	"	John W. Murby	"	32	"	Carpenter	Providence, R. I.	John S. Murby		Carpenter	2	J. O. Tasker, clergyman, Epsom.
								Elizabeth Cartledge		Housewife		
		Nora A. Foss	"	21	"	Book keeper	Alton	Charles H. Foss	Alton	Farmer	1	
								Roxine Rollins	"	Housewife		

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M. C. PHILBRICK, *Town Clerk.*

Deaths Registered in the Town of Epsom, for the Year Ending December 31, 1898.

Date of death.	Place of death.	Name and surname of the deceased.	Age. Years.	Age. Months.	Age. Days.	Place of birth.	Sex.	Color.	Single, married, or widowed.	Occupation.	Place of birth. Father.	Place of birth. Mother.	Name of father.	Maiden name of mother.
Jan. 5	Epsom	James Tripp	83	8	12	Epsom	M.	All white.	M.	Farmer	Epsom	Epsom	John Tripp	Sally Gordon.
Feb. 3	"	Edna E. Warren	22	..	3	Pittsfield	F.		S.	Invalid	Chichester	Randolph	George E. Warren	Lizzie M. Holmes.
Mar. 18	"	John M. Palmer	76	4	15	Hampton	M.		W.	Trader	Hampton	Hampton	Joseph Palmer	Meriam Locke.
" 25	"	Samuel Fowler	76	10	17	Epsom	"		M.	Farmer	Epsom	Epsom	Winthrop Fowler	Abigail Davis.
Apr. 7	"	George W. Unioin	16	6	14	Nebraska	"		S.	Shoe cutter.	Stanbridge, P. Q.	Stanbridge, P. Q.	William Unioin	Avis E. Miller.
" 23	"	John T. Cotterell	62	7	25	Cheltenham, Eng.	"		M.	Shoemaker.	England	England	John Cotterell	Martha Minett.
Aug. 25	"	Hanover O. Wells	70	2	28	Epsom	"		W.	Farmer	Allenstown	Epsom	Samuel Wells	Elenor Dickey.
Sept. 10	"	Abby M. Weeks	62	11	22	"	F.		"	Domestic	Epsom		Samuel Chapman	Deborah Dow.
" 19	"	Jonathan Marden	72	6	14	"	M.		"	Shoemaker.	"	Epsom	Samuel Marden	Betsy Emerson.
Oct. 17	"	Nathan L. Haynes	75	10	16	"	"		S.	Farmer	"	"	John S. Haynes	Lucy Libby.
" 27	"	Silas B. Woodbury	63	3	17	Londonderry	"		M.	Stone cutter			Ebenezer Woodbury	Hannah Barker.
Nov. 1	"	Betsey D. Scribner	95	5	10	Raymond	F.		W.	Domestic	Raymond	Raymond	David Page	Rachel Fullerton.
" 23	"	Elizabeth M. Durgin	78	4	17	Rochester	"		"	Invalid	Rochester	Rochester	Edward Locke	Elizabeth Meader.
" 26	"	Samuel H. Amsden	63	9	25	Petersham, Mass.	M.		M.	Clergyman			David Amsden	Rebecca Peckham.
Dec. 14	"	Francis Steele	..	2	10	Epsom	"		S.	Infant	Epsom	Epsom	Charles M. Steele	Helen E. P. Yeaton.
" 18	"	George C. Knowles	52	4	6	"	"		M.	Butcher	Pembroke	Chichester	David M. Knowles	Hannah Griffin.
" 23	"	Abigail Dalton	82	6	22	"	F.		W.	Domestic	Epsom	Rye	Eleck C. Brown	Mary Dalton.
" 29	"	Charles C. Doe	75	5	8	Durham	M.		M.	Farmer			James Doe	Patience Langley.

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M. C. PHILBRICK, *Town Clerk.*

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